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The Honorable Betty McCollum 1714 Longworth House Office Building United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative McCollum:

I write to you on behalf of the YWCA St. Paul urging you to oppose any efforts to defund or repeal health care reform legislation.

As you may know, the YWCA St. Paul supports quality, affordable, health care because it is critical to the well-being of the members, participants and families we serve everyday. Any efforts to weaken health care reform legislation will have a grave effect on them and us. Furthermore, the YWCA USA supports a strong health care safety net that includes Medicaid, Medicare and State Health Insurance programs. We would like Congress to make health care available to people who are uninsured, to make it more affordable and to promote equity in health care access, treatment, and research.

Thank you for your work on behalf of the women, children and families who depend on you in these difficult times.

Sincerely,

William L. Collins, Jr.

Executive Director

YWCA St. Paul